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New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish family! Please register by filling out a form available at the back of the church or online.

Sacrament of Baptism

The desire for Baptism for a child must be accompanied by a very serious commitment to raise the child within the Catholic faith community and to educate the child in the truths of the church. An essential part of the commitment is regular attendance at Sunday Mass. Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of every month. Please contact the parish office for a Baptismal package.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning to be married should contact the parish one year in advance. They must also attend a Marriage Preparation Course prior to entering marriage. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil divorce or religious marriage with another person, please notify the priest as soon as possible as the priest is not permitted to set a wedding date until the Bishop's Office has been contacted.

Sacrament of the Sick

In this Sacrament we celebrate Christ's healing presence among us today. If you, a relative or friend, require this Sacrament at home or nursing home, please call the parish office. For your spiritual needs during a hospital stay, the Archdiocese of Toronto has assigned a full time Roman Catholic Chaplain to each of the two Mississauga hospitals. For the Chaplain, speak to the Nurses' Desk or call the Spiritual Care Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
 Every 2nd & 4th Friday: 7:30 PM
 (or by appointment)

MASS

Sunday Eucharist
 Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM (fulfills the Sunday obligation)
 Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM & 12:30 PM
Children's Liturgy at: 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM Mass

Weekday Eucharist
 Mondays / Wednesdays / Fridays 7:00 PM
 Tuesdays / Thursdays 8:00 AM

* Morning Prayer / Evening Prayer
 (One half hour before Mass)

DEVOTIONS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 First Fridays (excluding holidays) 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Holy Hour
 Fridays (excluding holidays) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Rosary & Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Mondays 6:30 PM

Divine Mercy
 Fridays (excluding holidays) 3:00 PM

PARISH LIFE

Legion of Mary (Wed 7:30 PM) 905-822-8132
 Knights of Columbus (Mike Genua) 416-804-3457
 Social Committee 905-822-8132
 Ministry of Consolation & Hope 905-822-8132 ext. 3
 RCIA 905-822-8132 ext. 4
 St. Vincent de Paul 905-822-8132 ext. 5
 J.O.Y. Social Club joysocialclub@st-ignatius-loyola.com
 Youth Group 905-822-8132 ext. 6
 Catholic Cemeteries 416-733-8544
 Charismatic Prayer Group 905-822-8132 Ext. 3
 (Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.)

SCHOOLS

St. Francis of Assisi 905-822-3183
 St. Margaret of Scotland 905-820-5115
 Christ the King 905-569-0220
 Iona Catholic Secondary 905-823-0136

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 28, 2016

“He who exalts himself will be humbled”

Who wants to be last? Isn't it only natural to desire respect and esteem from others? Jesus' parable of the guests invited to the marriage feast probes our motives for seeking honor and position. Self-promotion is most often achieved at the expense of others! Jesus' parable reinforces the teaching of Proverbs: Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of the prince (Proverbs 25:6-7).

True humility frees us to be our true selves as God sees us

What is true humility and why should we make it a characteristic mark of our life and action? True humility is not feeling bad about yourself, or having a low opinion of yourself, or thinking of yourself as inferior to others. True humility frees us from preoccupation with ourselves, whereas a low self-opinion tends to focus our attention on ourselves. Humility is truth in self-understanding and truth in action. Viewing ourselves truthfully, with sober judgment, means seeing ourselves the way God sees us (Psalm 139:1-4). A humble person makes a realistic assessment of himself or herself without illusion or pretense to be something he or she is not. The humble regard themselves neither smaller nor larger than they truly are.

True humility frees us to be our true selves and to avoid despair and pride. A humble person does not have to wear a mask or put on a facade in order to look good to others, especially to those who are not really familiar with that person. The humble are not swayed by accidentals, such as fame, reputation, success, or failure.

True humility frees us to love and serve selflessly for the good of others

Humility is the queen or foundation of all the other virtues because it enables us to view and judge ourselves correctly, the way God sees us. Humility leads to true self-knowledge, honesty, realism, strength, and dedication to give ourselves to something greater than ourselves. Humility frees us to love and serve others selflessly, for their sake, rather than our own. Paul the Apostles, gives us the greatest example and model of humility in the person of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, ...who humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross (Philippians 2:7-8). The Lord Jesus gives grace to those who seek him humbly. Do you want to be a servant as Jesus served?

"Lord Jesus, you became a servant for my sake to set me free from the tyranny of sin, selfishness, and conceit. Help me to be humble as you are humble and to love freely and graciously all whom you call me to serve."



Together we are working wonders...

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 2016 ShareLife Parish Campaign. You have made a brighter future much easier for many of the most vulnerable in our communities by your generosity. The 2016 ShareLife Campaign has raised \$121,677 – 97.35%

SHARELIFE IN OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank our Parish Schools for their participation in the Parish ShareLife appeal. St. Francis of Assisi School raised \$1,742.83. Christ the School participated in a variety of activities and raised \$930.05. St. Margaret of Scotland raised \$2,388. Thank you for your fundraising activities and for making your school communities aware of the importance of helping others through ShareLife.

2016 ACTS RETREATS

St. Francis of Assisi is this year's parish for the upcoming 3-day retreats at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga.

- A** – Adoration – God's Call, your acceptance and answer
- C** – Community – love and caring for each other
- T** – Theology – "studying" through scripture and our faith
- S** – Service – to God and his people

Come to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your Faith and to apply it to your daily life.

Women: October 27 – 30

Men: November 10 – 13

Register at the Parish Office or call Queen of Apostles at 905.278.5229 or Email: qoa.ca

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, AUGUST 29 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Fr. Scott Birchall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Maria Keyes

+ Cipriano & Paz Aquino

S.I. Hatch Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Vigil Mass for 23RD Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. *Intention Available*

9:30 a.m. *Intention Available*

11:00 a.m. *Intention Available*

12:30 p.m. Parish Community



SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 1ST - BLESSING OF ANIMALS AND BBQ

The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, our patron Saint, is on October 4th, 2016. Our annual blessing of our furry friends will take place on **Saturday, October 1ST**, after the 5 p.m. Mass. in the back of the church parking lot. There will be a barbecue to follow.

JOY Social Club.....

Jubilee Year of Mercy – Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine

Saturday, September 10, 2016

Departing 7 a.m. from St. Ignatius Loyola Parking Lot

Returning at approx. 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30. Details on bulletin board

Sign-Up in the Parish Office **before September 6, 2016**



Celebration of the Canonization of BLESSED MOTHER TERESA

Cristo Rei Parish, 12:00 noon

3495 Confederation Parkway, Mississauga

A solemn celebration of the Eucharist

Main celebrant and preacher,

**His Eminence Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle,
Archbishop of Manila**

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Friday, September 2, is the First Friday of the month. Please join us for Morning Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9:00 a.m. continuing with adoration until 7:00 p.m. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung at 3:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. followed by more adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. Sign-up sheets are located at the back of the church.



If you believe that you are being called to become Catholic, please join us for evenings of Catholic teaching and spiritual formation which are designed to lead to the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation. This process will begin at the end of September to welcome inquirers. Come and join us, and grow in your love and knowledge of God and of the Catholic Church. If you are interested, please call the parish office (905) 822-8132, Ext. 3, and leave your name and telephone number. **SPONSORS** are also needed and if you are willing to share your faith and spend time with these inquirers please leave your name and telephone number at the parish office and we will contact you.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word will resume on **Sunday, September 18th**. We would like you to note that we will only be running the program at the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass each weekend.



FALL BIBLE STUDY

Join fellow parishioners for an introductory Bible study beginning Saturday, September 24th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For six weeks we'll view and talk about Dr. Brant Pitre's "The Origin of The Bible". What is the "canon" of the Bible? When Jesus spoke about "scripture," what did he mean? How did the Dead Sea scrolls confirm the Catholic view of the Bible? And more!

PARISH BBQ – AUGUST 21ST

Thank you to the Parishioners for attending and making our Parish BBQ a success.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Kathy & Nick Valant, Merly Terlag and Jackie Pappas, for organizing our successful Parish BBQ.



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